

all the proposals on campaign finance reform, some authored by Republicans, some authored by Democrats. Some I am for, some I am against, but we need a meaningful debate on this floor and only one thing has stopped that in this House, and that is the Speaker of the House, who refuses to bring it to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, we say to the American people that we believe the only way to discharge our responsibilities as representatives seeking a cleanup of the corrupting special interests' influence peddling that goes on here in Washington is to put our names right here on a discharge petition forcing a debate so that reform can be effected by the next election.

Mr. Speaker, if the Republicans are ready to join in that effort, it will be a reality. Investigate and prosecute any existing violations, but reform the law.

PAULDING COUNTY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

(Mr. BARR of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as we in the Congress continue to grapple with the problem of making sure Americans have the skills they need to work productively in today's society, I am pleased to report that the school system in my district has found a successful way to approach this perennial problem without Federal mandates, without government interference, without tax increases, without national standards.

The Paulding County School System in Georgia's Seventh District, under Superintendent Ray Parren and Apprenticeship Coordinator Nick Pedro, has developed a youth apprenticeship initiative that places high school students in meaningful work experiences during their junior and senior years. It provides them with a broad range of on-the-job experience with an employer of their choosing that is compatible with their career goals, even allowing them to begin college work while enrolled in high school.

Mr. Speaker, my office is a proud participant in this program. Nichole Robinson and Julie Turner have greatly assisted our staff and acquired valuable work experience along the way.

I encourage all schools to begin actively searching for ways to partner with local businesses and government agencies. By preparing students to compete in an increasingly specialized and complex economy, we can help ensure continued national economic growth, prosperity, and academic excellence.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM SHOULD BE DEBATED NOW

(Mr. LUTHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year we passed a balanced budget plan and a tax cut for the American people. We did it by working together. But today we are in danger of having that accomplishment marred by the refusal to clean up our political system.

Mr. Speaker, today the target date for adjournment is less than three weeks away and the prospect for bringing this critical issue to the floor diminishes each day. Even the other body, with all of its outdated procedures, has managed a handful of votes. Here in the House we have not even been able to debate the issue.

Mr. Speaker, that is wrong and that is why so many of us have lined up to sign this discharge petition to force debate on this issue. That includes many Democrats and a few Republicans signing that this morning.

Mr. Speaker, let us debate this issue and let us debate it now.

PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT PANDER TO COMMUNIST CHINESE LEADERS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we know, the Chinese Government leaders are coming to America and President Clinton is welcoming them with open arms. I want to ask the President why these Chinese Communists can do no wrong? Is this not the same Chinese Government who illegally donated funds to the Clinton campaign? The same one that uses slave labor, that imprisons political dissidents, and now has leased up our former naval base in Long Beach; a Communist encroachment right here in the United States?

Mr. Speaker, instead of taking money and wrapping his arms around the Chinese leader, the President should be rapping them on the knuckles for their horrific record of religious persecution and human rights violations.

Mr. Speaker, I say to the President, "Mr. President, stop pandering to a corrupt government that tortures its people and thumbs its nose to a free world."

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS MUST ADDRESS DRUG PROBLEM AT OUR BORDERS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats have claimed another victory. The Democrats were successful in stripping the Traficant amendment that would allow troops on the border from the defense bill, and all the Democrats are excited about it, even though our troops are vaccinating dogs in Haiti, they are building homes in Italy, they are guarding the borders in

the Mideast, and they are filming political parties at the White House.

Mr. Speaker, a new report that just came out states that the use of heroin by 12- to 17-year-olds in America is at historic levels and our borders are wide open.

The Democrat Party did not kill the Traficant amendment. The Democrat Party is killing the Democrat Party. There is no program. And if the Republicans do not step up and protect our borders, then both the Democrat and Republican Parties should be thrown the hell out and this country needs a third, new independent party.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) should avoid profanity in his remarks.

INDEPENDENT COUNSEL NEEDED TO INVESTIGATE WHITE HOUSE FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, remember what President Clinton said when he first took office? He was going to have the most ethical administration in history. This is the same administration that held fundraisers in the White House and called them coffees. The same administration that held fundraisers in Buddhist temples and called them finance-related events. The same administration whose ethical standards led them to have sleepovers in the Lincoln bedroom so that the people's house could be turned to fundraising purposes. The same administration that dialed for dollars from the White House and then could not remember doing it.

The same administration that denied the existence of videotapes of White House fundraising coffees and then discovered them in the same uncanny manner that subpoenaed documents in the White House Book Room were found, by the same people who could not remember hiring Craig Livingstone. The same administration that puts Dick Morris in charge of their family values charade and the same administration who hired the same Dick Morris to circumvent the campaign reform laws.

Mr. Speaker, it is the same business as usual at the White House. I would ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to line up to ask the Attorney General, Janet Reno, to hire an independent counsel so we can investigate this mess.

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THE MARRIAGE OF KEVIN MCCARTHY AND LESLIE NOLAN

(Mrs. TAUSCHER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. TAUSCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a very special occasion, the marriage today of Kevin McCarthy of Long Island and Leslie Nolan.

Many of my colleagues know the tragic event which compelled Kevin's mother, the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. MCCARTHY], to seek congressional office, the reckless act of violence on the Long Island railroad that fatally injured her husband and left her son critically injured.

It is often impossible for a family to get through such a devastating experience. Yet the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. MCCARTHY] and her son Kevin focused their energies on making a difference and ensuring that such a heinous crime could not so easily happen to another American family.

They are courageous people who refused to give up in the face of tragedy.

Kevin and Leslie met during his mother's successful 1996 congressional campaign. The positive energy surrounding that race must have worn off on these two, for by spring they were engaged. It is rare that we have the opportunity in the well of the House to celebrate the momentous events in people's personal lives and to recognize the silver lining which life offers us.

Mr. Speaker, we wish Kevin and Leslie all the best as they enter this exciting time in their lives. May they accept our sincere congratulations and remember that our thoughts will always be with them.

MORE ON THE IRS

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, if a child molester, a bank robber or a mass murderer is hauled before the bar of justice, they are afforded the procedural presumption of "innocent until proven guilty." It is painfully ironic that when an honest American taxpayer is hauled before the IRS for an audit, the presumption often works in just the opposite fashion: presumed guilty until proven innocent.

Recently, the Republican chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, the distinguished gentleman from Texas, offered a proposal that would end this injustice: he proposed that taxpayers be given the same presumption the law affords criminals charged with a public offense. Unbelievably, White House spokesman responded to this proposal by saying it would undermine the ability of the IRS to collect all taxes that are legitimately owed.

In response, columnist Joseph Sobran today hit the nail on the head. He wrote, "the IRS is the last bastion of law and order, if you equate law and order with government vigilantism."

IN SUPPORT OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, over 200 years ago John Hancock and dozens of other patriots signed the Declaration of Independence to proclaim their independence from England.

Well, today, Mr. Speaker, my colleagues from both sides of the aisle and I are putting our John Hancock on a discharge petition on campaign finance reform. We are doing this to declare this Government's independence from big money and special interests. Just as King George refused the American Colonies the representation they deserve, so has the Republican leadership continued to refuse the American people the debate on campaign finance reform that they want and that they deserve. The colonists declared no taxation without representation. It is time for us to say, no adjournment without a debate on campaign finance reform.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, the pending business is the question de novo of the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 318, noes 56, not voting 59, as follows:

[Roll No. 526]

AYES—318

Ackerman	Bunning	Davis (VA)
Aderholt	Burr	Deal
Allen	Burton	DeGette
Andrews	Buyer	Delahunt
Armey	Callahan	DeLay
Bachus	Calvert	Deutsch
Baessler	Camp	Diaz-Balart
Baker	Campbell	Dicks
Barcia	Canady	Dingell
Barr	Cannon	Dooley
Barrett (NE)	Capps	Doyle
Barrett (WI)	Cardin	Dreier
Bartlett	Carson	Duncan
Barton	Castle	Dunn
Bass	Chabot	Edwards
Bateman	Chambliss	Ehlers
Bentsen	Christensen	Ehrlich
Berman	Clayton	Emerson
Berry	Clement	Engel
Bilbray	Coble	Eshoo
Bilirakis	Coburn	Etheridge
Bishop	Collins	Evans
Blagojevich	Combest	Ewing
Bliley	Condit	Farr
Blumenauer	Conyers	Fattah
Blunt	Cook	Flake
Boehlert	Cox	Foley
Boehner	Coyne	Forbes
Bonilla	Cramer	Ford
Boswell	Crapo	Fowler
Boucher	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Boyd	Cunningham	Franks (NJ)
Brady	Danner	Frelinghuysen
Brown (FL)	Davis (FL)	Frost
Bryant	Davis (IL)	Furse

Gallegly	Linder	Rogers
Ganske	Lipinski	Ros-Lehtinen
Gejdenson	Livingston	Rothman
Gilchrest	Lofgren	Roukema
Gilman	Lowe	Royce
Goode	Lucas	Rush
Goodlatte	Luther	Salmon
Goodling	Maloney (CT)	Sanchez
Gordon	Manton	Sandlin
Goss	Manzullo	Sanford
Graham	Mascara	Sawyer
Granger	Matsui	Saxton
Green	McCarthy (MO)	Schaefer, Dan
Greenwood	McCollum	Schumer
Hall (OH)	McHale	Scott
Hall (TX)	McHugh	Sensenbrenner
Hamilton	McInnis	Serrano
Hansen	McIntyre	Shadegg
Harman	McKeon	Shaw
Hastert	McKinney	Shays
Hastings (FL)	Meehan	Sherman
Hastings (WA)	Metcalfe	Shimkus
Hayworth	Mica	Shuster
Hefner	Millender-McDonald	Skaggs
Herger	Miller (FL)	Skeen
Hill	Minge	Skelton
Hinojosa	Mink	Slaughter
Hobson	Moakley	Smith (MI)
Hoekstra	Moran (KS)	Smith (NJ)
Holden	Murtha	Smith (TX)
Hooley	Myrick	Smith, Adam
Horn	Neal	Smith, Linda
Hostettler	Nethercutt	Snowbarger
Hoyer	Neumann	Snyder
Hutchinson	Ney	Solomon
Hyde	Northup	Spence
Inglis	Norwood	Spratt
Istook	Nussle	Stabenow
Jackson (IL)	Obey	Stark
Jackson-Lee (TX)	Olver	Stenholm
Jenkins	Ortiz	Strickland
John	Oxley	Stump
Johnson (CT)	Packard	Sununu
Johnson, Sam	Pappas	Talent
Jones	Parker	Tanner
Kanjorski	Pastor	Tauzin
Kaptur	Paul	Taylor (NC)
Kelly	Paxon	Thomas
Kennedy (MA)	Pease	Thornberry
Kennedy (RI)	Pelosi	Thune
Kennelly	Peterson (MN)	Thurman
Kildee	Peterson (PA)	Tiahrt
Kilpatrick	Petri	Tierney
Kim	Pickering	Trafficant
Kind (WI)	Pitts	Turner
King (NY)	Pomeroy	Upton
Kingston	Portman	Vento
Klink	Poshard	Walsh
Klug	Price (NC)	Wamp
Knollenberg	Pryce (OH)	Watkins
LaFalce	Quinn	Watt (NC)
LaHood	Radanovich	Watts (OK)
Lampson	Rahall	Waxman
Lantos	Redmond	Weldon (FL)
Largent	Regula	Wexler
Latham	Reyes	Weygand
LaTourette	Riley	White
Lazio	Rivers	Wolf
Levin	Rodriguez	Woolsey
Lewis (CA)	Roemer	Wynn
Lewis (KY)	Rogan	Yates

NOES—56

Abercrombie	Gutierrez	Miller (CA)
Baldacci	Gutknecht	Oberstar
Becerra	Hefley	Pallone
Bonior	Hilleary	Pascarell
Borski	Hilliard	Pickett
Clay	Hinchey	Ramstad
Clyburn	Hulshof	Sabo
Costello	Jefferson	Schaffer, Bob
DeFazio	Johnson (WI)	Sessions
DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Stupak
Doggett	Kucinich	Tauscher
English	Lewis (GA)	Taylor (MS)
Ensign	LoBiondo	Thompson
Everett	Maloney (NY)	Velazquez
Fazio	McDermott	Visclosky
Filner	McGovern	Weller
Fox	McNulty	Wicker
Gephardt	Meek	Wise
Gibbons	Menendez	

NOT VOTING—59

Archer	Brown (CA)	Crane
Ballenger	Brown (OH)	Cubin
Bereuter	Chenoweth	Dellums
Bono	Cooksey	Dickey